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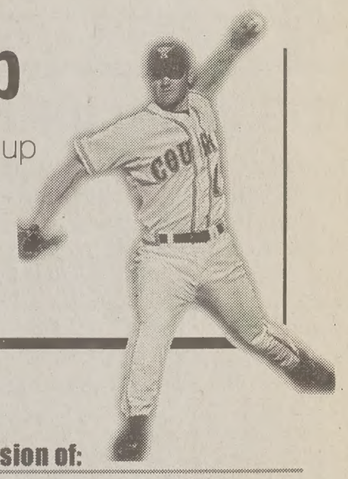

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Geneva freezes funds

Employees unable to cash their paychecks

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Geneva employees expressed their concerns about uncashable paychecks at a company meeting held Wednesday night at the Marriott Hotel in Provo.

Geneva's assets have been frozen since Monday, when the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Employees who tried to cash their paychecks after the filing were denied.

This also causes concern for the upcoming payday Tuesday.

Thomas Marrott, a Geneva employee, was unable to deposit his check in the bank, because of surgery.

"I went in to cash it today and the bank refused to even touch it," he said.

His wife, JoDeen, said if it continues they will have to start pulling money out of their savings.

The company's assets will remain frozen until the presiding judge decides whether or not to accept Geneva's bankruptcy plan.

A decision was expected Wednesday, but was delayed because a petition for a $125 million loan from First Union Bank was rejected.

Geneva will go back to court on Friday morning.

If the judge accepts Geneva's plan, the company's assets will be released.

But if denied, Geneva plans to appeal it to the district judges at the bankruptcy court, said Carl Ramhitz, vice-president of human resources.

Dan Lund/Daily Universe

A Geneva Steel employee leaves the plant Monday after the company filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy. Employees were unable to cash their paychecks, but Geneva says that the checks should be payable by Friday.

"We are just in limbo until Friday," said Bill Miller, a Geneva employee.

Some employees are left waiting and wondering what to expect Friday and the days after.

"The power of our lives and the livelihood of our families lies in this judge's hands. We can only hope that he has the wisdom to make the right decision," said Brad Peterson, a Geneva employee.

However, Joseph A. Cannon, chairman and chief executive officer of Geneva Steel, said he is confident the judge's decision will be in Geneva's favor. Cannon said he anticipates the judge to understand that payday is coming up on Tuesday.

Geneva employee Brian Banks said he wasn't pleased when earlier he tried to deposit his check and was denied. But, he has faith that after Friday it will be valid.

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r College Student nt Steve Nelson said his school supports the increase to a certain extent.

"We are in favor of the increase as long as students are involved in the process of deciding where the money goes," Nelson said.

Utah Commissioner of Higher Education Cecelia Foxley said the Board of Regents is also concerned about what impact the increase will have on students in financial need.

"We don't have the large amounts of state financial aid programs that other states have and we have larger families," Foxley said.

"The biggest impact is on low-income families and ethnic minorities."

Accessibility, as well as availability, are important keys for students to reach their educational goals, Foxley said.

"The goal of the Board of Regents is to keep tuition as low as possible," she said.

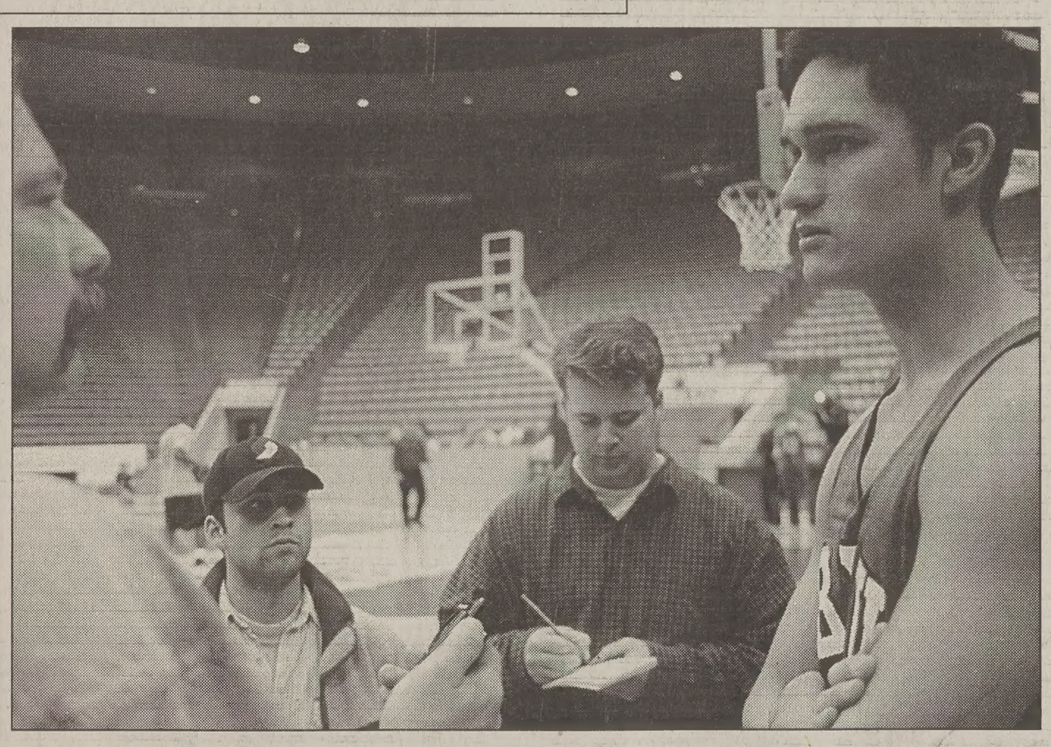
If the only way to keep the tuition the same is to turn to taxpayers, Foxley said, Utah residents will help.

"Every poll from The Salt Lake Tribune and The Deseret News on where Utah residents would want their taxes spent point to education," Foxley said. "It's all education – K through 12 and higher education."

Nelson, representing the Utah Council of Student Body Presidents, told the Committee of Higher Education that the Council supports the Board of Regent's sponsorship of a $1.5 million appropriation for need-based scholarships.

"It's needed, or students will drop out of school," Nelson said. "Students need financial aid to keep up with the cost of tuition."

Foxley said the Board of Regents has no control of where the money comes from for scholarships.



J – U of U rivalry returns

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background, nearly the BYU squad has the drama, pride and the BYU-Utah con-

sen, BYU's outside- rom Salt Lake City, he rivalry. don't think I've ever Christensen said. who played at High- ool, grew up in the country. However, his parents' address loyalty to BYU. nd, Michael Vranes, BYU's starting point ays been so loyal. or the U," he said. Bigelow has a history with the rivalry, despite being from Olympia, Wash.

"My parents came here, so ever since I was a kid we watched the BYU-Utah game," Bigelow said. "I know this game is a big deal."

Provo High School sensation Mekeli Wesley is no stranger to how much this game means to people across the state.

"People have been watching this game since childhood, and the winning team always has bragging rights," Wesley said.

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> *– Mekeli Wesley, BYU basketball player*

Regardless of past preferences, one thing is for sure – Saturday's game will draw a crowd. Not only will the Marriott Center be filled to capacity, but the game will be televised nationally.

Despite the pre-game hype, BYU head coach Steve Cleveland is remaining practical.

"There will be a lot of energy," Cleveland said. "But it takes more than energy to beat good teams.

"We're going to have to execute and get it done on the floor," Cleveland said.

Although Cleveland is not a Utah native, he has been here long enough to know how much this matchup means to the fans.

"There is nothing I would love more than to give these fans and students an opportunity to feel good about themselves, their institution and their basketball program," Cleveland said.

Private questioning done

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Preparing a final push for live testimony at the impeachment trial, House prosecutors Wednesday wrapped up private questioning of witnesses with a short deposition of White House aide Sidney Blumenthal. Republicans and Democrats battled over a proposal to formally accuse President Clinton of wrongdoing before ending the trial.

Blumenthal's deposition, which lasted less than four hours with breaks, marked the last of three videotaped sessions conducted by Republican prosecutors hoping to bolster their case that witnesses should be called to the Senate floor.

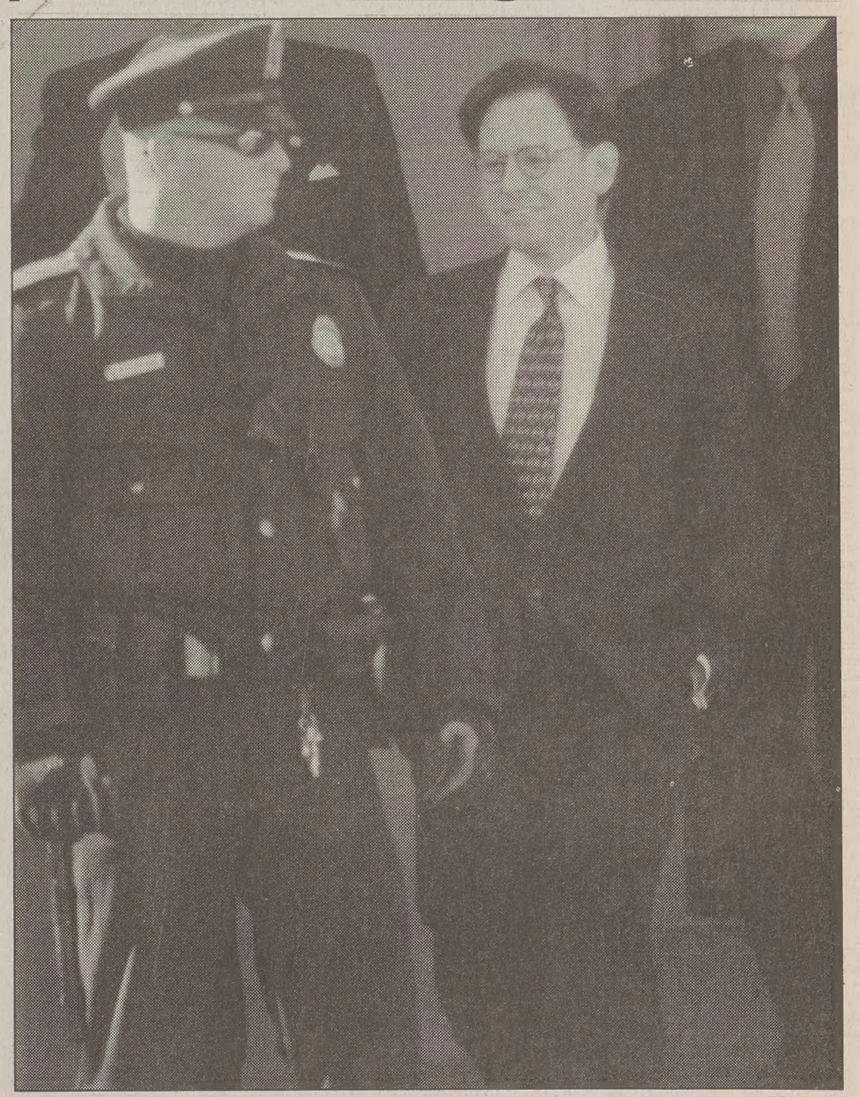
"I believe the public will be well served and history will be well served if we can have what occurred Wednesday (at the deposition) before the public. ... Then everyone can vote their conscience and that would be a good thing for America," Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said after emerging from the Blumenthal deposition.

While House prosecutors made clear their intention ask the Senate to call witnesses, senators who viewed Monica Lewinsky's videotape testimony, which the prosecutors completed on Monday, showed little enthusiasm for hearing her in person.

And Senate Democrats emerged from a closed-door caucus Wednesday promising opposition to both live witnesses and any Republican plan for a formal declaration of wrongdoing by the president as a prelude to a final vote on articles of impeachment.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle and other Democrats said any so-called "finding of fact" would be unconstitutional. Daschle also said that if the Senate chooses to air the videotaped depositions of Ms. Lewinsky and others, they should be aired in their entirety. "We should take it all or we shouldn't take any of it," he said.

Seeking to allay Democratic concerns that Clinton would claim victory if the trial ended in acquittal, White House press secretary Joe Lockhart suggested Wednesday that Clinton would "continue to take responsibility for the inappropriate nature of his behavior. That will last forever."



AFP photo

Presidential Advisor Sidney Blumenthal, right, departs the U.S. Capitol following his deposition in the Clinton impeachment trial Wednesday. Blumenthal was one of three witnesses called by the House prosecutors.

"There will be a certain sense of relief here at the White House if this process were to end quickly and go away. But I don't think that there's anybody here who thinks anything out of this process constitutes a victory," Lockhart said.

Lockhart also appealed for the videotaped depositions to remain secret. "We've seen what has happened in the past when depositions and videotapes have been released - it's created sort of a frenzy. We don't think that needs to be repeated," he said.

Olympia Snowe said Wednesday the final disposition of the case should include a Senate recognition that Clinton committed wrongdoing – even though there are not enough votes to remove him from office.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

AIDS death toll rises in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe — The deadly AIDS pandemic is expected to kill about 70,000 Zimbabweans this year — nearly 200 people a day — the head of the nation's AIDS prevention program said Wednesday.

Dr. Evaristo Marowa blamed the death toll on the continuing refusal of young, sexually active adults to use protective measures.

"The crisis continues to deepen with little or no sign of behavioral changes in the young ... age groups," he said.

By the end of 1999, Zimbabwe's death toll from AIDS-related illness since 1985, when the first AIDS case was reported is expected to reach 400,000, Marowa said.

An estimated 1.6 million of the country's 12 million citizens are infected with the AIDS virus. In 1998, the disease killed about 100 people a day, Marowa said.

Zimbabwe has one of the highest rates of heterosexually transmitted HIV in southern Africa.

Rival malls pool advertising efforts

SALT LAKE CITY — Crossroads Plaza and ZCMI Center Mall — long rivals for shoppers — have decided to combine their advertising and promotional budgets.

The collaboration is unusual, said Floyd Hatch, Utah director of the International Council of Shopping Centers.

"There are some joint efforts, but in the cases I'm aware of, they have the same owners," he said.

By joining forces under the slogan "The Downtown Malls. At the center of everything," the two malls expect to get a bigger bang for their combined advertising bucks, said Tammy Ivy, Crossroads marketing manager.

Managers envision their facilities becoming even more competitive with the suburban malls. As a single unit, the two malls offer more than 1.1 million square feet of shopping at more than 230 shops and major department stores that include Mervyn's, Nordstrom and ZCMI.

Americans unhappy with trial, GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) - The American public is worn out with the impeachment process says a poll released Wednesday.

And they're mostly blaming Republicans, according to the CBS News/New York Times Poll.

Half the conservative Republicans surveyed said the way the House and Senate GOP have handled the matter would make it harder for Republicans to win in the 2000 elections.

More than two-thirds of those polled said the Senate does not need to call witnesses to decide how to vote on impeachment. Almost three-quarters said the videotaped testimony of witnesses should not be made public.

Disapproval of the way the Senate is handling the trial rated at 56 percent, while 37 percent approved.

The survey of 1,058 adults, taken Saturday through Monday, had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Woman takes 20 cents, gets jail time

BUCHAREST, Romania — A Romanian woman has been sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for stealing the equivalent of 20 cents, a punishment the judge described as lenient on Wednesday.

Adela Dirivan testified she took the money from a man's pocket in Bucharest last year to pay her bus fare home. The woman is from a hamlet outside Pitesti in southern Romania.

The sentence is part of a crackdown on theft that began in 1996 when parliament approved longer sentences for the crime. As a result even petty theft, previously punishable by a prison term measured in months, now can land the perpetrator in jail for years.

Dirivan faced a maximum of 15 years in prison. The judge said she took into account that the woman had no criminal record and four children, the youngest of whom is 7 months old.

"Stealing is stealing and I gave her less than the recommended minimum sentence," the judge said.

Dirivan is free, pending an appeal.

Weather

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Year to date	2.85"		

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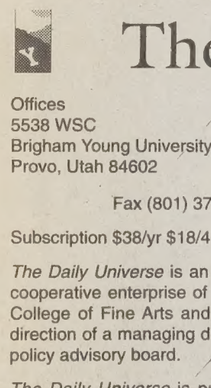
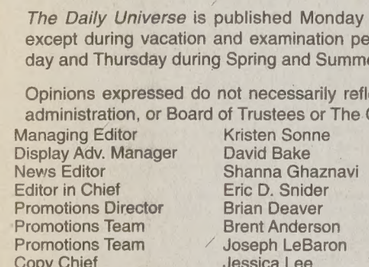


"Therefore, whoso repenteth and cometh unto me as a little child, him will I receive, for of such is the kingdom of God. Behold, for such I have laid down my life, and have taken it up again ... ."

– 3 Nephi 9:22



Angelle Price likes this scripture because "Christ died for us and invites us to repent. We need to take that opportunity." Price, 20, is a junior from Sandy majoring in family science.

Council clears way for skaters

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The Provo City Council agreed Tuesday to allow skateboarders to continue to skate at night as long as they wear reflective gear that is visible from 500 feet.

The Council has discussed changing the existing skateboarding ordinance since December. Skateboarders attending the council meetings have advocated the right to skate without being ticketed.

Some property owners have also voiced worries about noise levels and property damage caused by skating.

> ***"I think we should be promoting skateboarding and rollerblading as good activities for kids to participate in, but this should be just the first step to creating parks."***
>
> *– Melanie McCorad, Provo resident*

Provo City Councilman Gregory Hudnall said police officers complained about the enforcement of the laws and wanted the ability to ticket skateboarders, rather than let them off with warnings.

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"The number one concern of the police department is for the safety of the skateboarders and also the property damage that occurs," Provo Police Chief Greg Cooper said.

"The main thing that got me out here tonight was because I read that skaters could receive up to $750 fines for skating, and that is lame," said Aaron Davies, 24, a junior from Salt Lake City, majoring in graphic design.

But the Council said the only way a $750 dollar fine would be issued is if the ticket is not paid.

At that point, the fine would become a criminal matter.

However, Cooper said the police department's only goal is to make skateboarders more visible to drivers and aware of people around them.

Provo resident Melanie McCorad said she feels this is just the beginning of a need that has to be addressed.

"I think we should be promoting skateboarding and rollerblading as good activities for kids to participate in," McCorad said, "but this should be just the first step to creating parks."

2nd trial continues, defense gives case

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The defense team for Larry Peterman introduced adult entertainment media purchased in Utah County Wed. as evidence that material distributed by Peterman did not violate community standards.

Peterman, formal general manager of Movie Buffs, faces his second trial next month on 15 charges of distributing pornography.

> ***If convicted, Peterman could face up to a year in jail ...***

If convicted, Peterman could face up to a year in jail and $2,000 fine for each charge.

Peterman's first trial ended last summer in a hung jury.

Jurors could not agree on a definition of community standards concerning the videos confiscated by Lehi police from Movie Buffs in 1996.

Public defender Randall Spencer, Peterman's lawyer, presented evidence from various movies, videos, magazines and other adult merchandise.

Spencer said the material was similar to that confiscated from the Peterman's business.

Dave Boyer, a law student at BYU who is doing an internship with the public defender's office, took part in the investigation carried out by the defense.

He, along with other members of the defense team, rented several videos that were similar in content to the videos confiscated from Movie Buffs.

As part of the investigation, members of the defense team also visited several hotels in Utah County and recorded adult entertainment movies available over cable.

Richard Gale, who works for the defenders office, testified that many of the adult entertainment items that he purchased were not segregated from mainstream entertainment at all.

He said a store in Orem sells adult entertainment right next to the children's section.

Movie Buffs had a separate room where all their mature audience material was kept.

Witnesses also testified of nudity they had seen on televisions shows such as NYPD Blue and Ally McBeal.

Hearings will continue throughout the rest of the week.

The prosecution is expected to begin calling witnesses today.

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...ne is trying to co-opt ...e not openly opposed to it and get them under their fold," said Moraiwid Tell, a professor at the University of Jordan. "The families know they can't do anything about the regime, so they live with it."

Some say Saddam's closest associates have profited from the cross-border trade, including his son Odai, who is widely believed to have made millions of dollars.

It is estimated thousands of merchants — if not tens of thousands — are involved in the cross-border trade. In Baghdad, hundreds of new mansions have been built since the sanctions were imposed.

In the Doura neighborhood, many of the spacious new homes have courtyards filled with olive and orange trees, and tile mosaics depicting birds and trees grace the outer walls of some.

Mohammed Abdul Kareem al-Madani is typical of the new merchant class.

The scion of a prominent Shiite Muslim family from the holy city of Nejaf, al-Madani grew wealthy from government contracts during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

His construction business collapsed after the U.N. sanctions cut back government investment in infrastructure.

So, al-Madani sold his concrete mixers, dump trucks, graders and shovels, and began importing needed items like sugar, cooking oil, rice and tea.

His business again faded after December 1996, when the U.N. oil-for-food deal began, allowing Iraq to export some oil to buy food and medicine. The agreement brought heavily subsidized rice, flour and cooking oil, sending prices plummeting.

So, al-Madani switched to importing tires and car batteries, which are in short supply and can be sold at a high profit.

He said he has U.N. certificates for the imports, although he admits that sometimes his Jordanian suppliers had to pay "tips" for those permits.

"We have friends in Jordan," he said. "They get some benefits and so do we."

Al-Madani's four-story yellow brick house in the wealthy Yarmouk neighborhood mimics an ancient Babylonian fortress. It has a sheer stone facade topped with light- and dark-colored bricks that give the appearance of battlements.

In the living room, a picture of Saddam greeting al-Madani's father, a leading Shiite cleric, sits atop the television set.

Iraq, land of the legendary Sinbad the sailor, has a long tradition of trading.

Its merchant class was destroyed after the Arab Socialist Baath Party took power in 1963, nationalizing industries and driving many wealthy traders from the country.

Under Saddam, the party began to relax its control over trade during the Iran-Iraq war, when the government desperately needed imports.

After the U.N. sanctions were imposed, the government, again hard-pressed to provide for its people, further eased its restrictions on trade.

Al-Madani said that if the sanctions are lifted, the new merchants will soar. "The hard conditions have made good businessmen," he said. "It is good training for us."

Labib Kamhawi of the University of Jordan disagrees, saying the new merchants are simply war profiteers.

"The business class which invested in infrastructure and industry has been destroyed," he said. The new merchants are "parasites ... It is a transient class."

...N. orders U.S. evacuation

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Prior to the U.S. and British airstrikes Dec. 16-19, there were 12-15 American and British nationals among the 400 U.N. employees in Iraq. Many of the Americans and Britons were scheduled to take vacation in December and January and did not return to Baghdad, U.N. officials said.

The two Americans still in Baghdad are Darlene Bisson, deputy director of the World Food Program, and the secretary to Prakash Shah, Secretary-General Kofi Annan's special representative to Iraq. Her name was not available.

In Britain, a Foreign Office spokesman said the United Nations had been "left with little choice."

The spokesman, speaking on terms of customary anonymity, said while "we fully understand that the reasons they had done this is to ensure the safety of those involved ... it is absurd for the (Iraqi) government to claim it can't protect a few individuals."

Eckhard said U.N. security chief Benon Sevan made the evacuation decision after a series of exchanges with the Iraqi leadership.

"The specific threats were to these two nationalities so it was the security coordinator's call," Eckhard said.

He said the Iraqi government sent a letter to the United Nations Jan. 4 saying it was unable to ensure the security of American and British nationals serving with the United Nations in Iraq.

The letter followed U.S. and British airstrikes against Iraq after the U.N. Special Commission reported that Baghdad had failed to cooperate fully with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Wednesday's announcement came after Iraq, apparently concerned at the almost daily pounding its air defenses have taken from U.S. warplanes in recent weeks, moved some missile launchers from the "no-fly" zones in northern and southern Iraq to central Iraq.

Having them here would pose less of a threat to allied pilots, officials in Washington said.

Washington launched its open effort to remove Saddam Hussein from power at a time when Iraq shut the door on U.N. efforts to disarm it of weapons of mass destruction.

...growth bill limits urban 'sprawl'

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...would draw $3 million a ...general-fund revenues, another $1 million from savings realized by energy-efficiency improvements at state agencies and a one-time $1 million utility rebate the state expects under a Public Service Commission order.

The diversion from energy savings could increase to as much as $3.5 million a year in the future, Rep. Ralph Becker, D-Salt Lake, said.

The growth act was a compromise between its original and final form to satisfy objections from home builders and realtors.

The land fund, for example, could be used only to purchase land easements, not land itself — unless the parcel is smaller than 20 acres.

Another exception was made for localities that swap lands for the sake of preserving one parcel.

"We are not going to finance sprawl," said Gov. Mike Leavitt, who has been involved in the negotiations. "We are going to have open space. We are going to deal with our infrastructure and our clean air, and we are going to plan."

The Quality Growth Commission would be left in charge of doling out matching open-space grants to localities or private or nonprofit groups.

The panel would be given until November 1999 to recommend to the Legislature such anti-sprawl measures as smaller-lot, affordable and mixed housing types, the redevelopment of "brownfields" and preservation of older homes.

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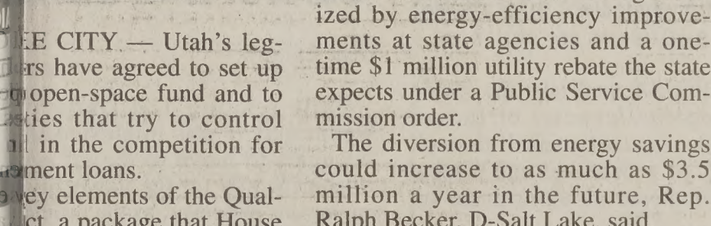

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Viewpoint

Y needs to be careful who it associates with

By Mike McKeon
Special to the Universe

Far be it from me to tell an employer how to run his or her own business. But when I hear that contractors like Alpine Drywall and Floor Covering, in their drive to maximize profits and stay competitive, deliberately deny their employees access to basic health care and other benefits, I must begin to question the assumption and credibility of "laissez faire" economics. To this end, I write in support of the worker's strike that took place last week.

Health insurance is a fundamental need in society that arises from our common human nature irrespective of class or other artificial distinctions. Thus, the mark of an "enlightened society" is its ability to equitably distribute, by making accessible and affordable, the most basic of human needs to everyone in society.

Unfortunately, and too often, employers in society fail to see this fact, being blinded by their own cupidity and sense of self-preservation. Nowhere is this more evident than in the case of Alpine.

By their own admission, they "aren't as competitive in corporate America with a union." The reasons underlying their general reluctance to become "unionized" are obvious: The mandatory restrictions that would be enforced upon them, i.e. the requiring of health benefits and wage increases to all their employees, would cut into profits, thereby making them "less competitive."

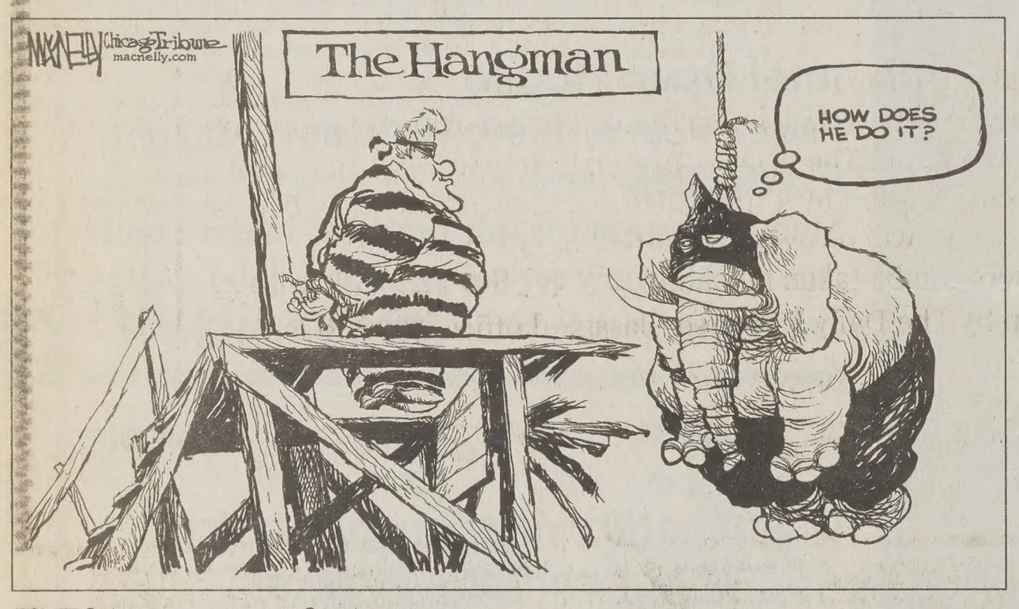
In other words, Alpine manages to stay competitive at the expense of its workers by arbitrarily deciding which of its employees are to be covered in terms of health benefits and which aren't. But when contractors and employers in their ruthless quest for profits forsake their own humanity and social responsibility, workers and those morally enlightened have the right to speak out and challenge those in authority.

Therefore, let the challenge go forth to President Merrill J. Bateman and the leadership of this university: In BYU's monolithic construction and redevelopment agenda, seek out and commission only those contractors who understand and agree that profits can be generated but not at the expense and exploitation of the working class.

Refuse to do business with contractors who systematically deny their employees access to the most basic needs in society. Begin by suspending Alpine's contract until it can guarantee health coverage for all its employees.

Demonstrate there are factors, other than economic, which deserve consideration when negotiating bids with contractors. In this, BYU would be seeking the moral high ground through serving the interests of those less advantaged in society.

Mike McKeon is a senior from Valencia, Calif.



Viewpoint

Student wins GPA game, what about education?

By Elyssa Madsen
Special to the Universe

I did it. I'm graduating from BYU with all A's. (OK, I got a B in intro to advertising, but a dab of white-out on my transcripts took care of that one.)

I'd like to say my GPA is the result of being a smart, dedicated student, but in reality my GPA is more about efficiency and being good with numbers. I've played the game for four years now, figuring out exactly what percentage I would have to get on every test and paper to keep my grade at 93 percent. No lower, no higher.

It has taken dogged persistence, growing a calculator as another appendage, and a fair amount of wheedling during office hours that I am sure had labeled me as the communications department's most annoying student. I have memorized every phylum of the plant kingdom two hours before a Biology 130 test, only to forget them at the exact instant I handed my Scantron to the Testing Center warden. I have done my editing homework during the American Heritage lab, my American Heritage homework during the Physical Science lab, and skipped my Physical Science homework altogether because the points could be made up in extra credit. And it worked: I've made the Dean's List, kept my scholarship and chosen a graduate school.

Now that I'm graduating, however, I'm having a crisis. I wonder, have I traded my educational soul for a smoke-and-mirrors GPA? Sure, I got an A in world literature, but I did so without reading Milton, Quixote or Byron, counting on Cliff's Notes and proficient writing skills to get me through. I can't change a flat, speak another language or locate Latvia on a map, but I'm graduating in the top five percent of my class.

I know that the 3.85 scholarship cutoff isn't what education is about. My education is about craving knowledge, looking under rocks, reading Annie Dillard because you want to, teaching children about truth and figuring out how your heater works.

And this semester, I'm trying to do better. I'm taking a graduate creative writing class that is over my head because I couldn't justify passing up the chance to work with Leslie Norris. I doubt I'll get an A, But I get to spend three hours a week listening to Professor Norris's Welsh accent. I read the paper, arrange flowers, go to class even when I don't need to, ask questions that won't impress the teacher and write in my journal.

I can afford to.

I don't need to renew my scholarship, graduate school is taken care of. Basically, I can just sit back, relax and actually learn now.

I realize there are many people out there who don't have that luxury — that the people on scholarship can't stop worrying about GPA because, for many, it's the only way they are even at the university. I fear GPA fixation will intensify as admission standards get higher and higher, and we admit only the breed of high school students who have mastered the numbers game already. To them, this column will be the same kind of idealistic annoyance as the first-day-of-school-forget-about-grades-learn-for-the-love-of-learning sermon professors deliver. To them, it's a nice idea, but far outside the realm of practicality. I understand where they are coming from. I've been there. I don't know what to do about it. And it makes me sad.

But we have to do something, anything. We have to find a way to reconcile the need for incentive with the pressure and misdirection it causes. We have to bring education to a higher plane, far above petty squabbles about whether a student deserves an A or an A minus. If not, we might as well hand students a list of cereal names the first day, give them five minutes to memorize it, have them regurgitate it, and give fat shiny diplomas to the one who remember the most.

Cheerios ... Apple Jacks ... Kix ... .

Elyssa Madsen is a senior from Tucson, Ariz., majoring in English.

Readers' Forum

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Dealing with T.A.s

Dear Editor:

To students who frequent the campus tutorial labs, I would like to offer some advice. I recently gained employment in the Math Lab, and I have spent many frustrating hours in the Physics Lab staring stupidly at the white board while the T.A.'s gave thirty-second dictums on things that took Einstein years to understand. I've had lab experience from both ends, so I think I'm in a good position to give advice.

First, never forget that the T.A. thinks you're an imbecile, and nothing you do or say will change that. For this reason, it is useless to explain how you used to do integrals forward and backward in seventh grade, but you've since served a mission, studied sociology in Russia, and earned a Nobel Peace Prize, none of which requires calculus. The T.A. doesn't care and will still think you're an imbecile.

Also useless is any effort to save face by saying you understand something when in actuality the explanation you've just received may as well have been in Swahili. You don't have to make the T.A. like you — put him through hell and make him explain it five times. If it still doesn't click, tell him he stinks and ask for another T.A., preferably a non-egocentric female.

Lastly, in dealing with big-headed T.A.'s, it's good to have some artillery up your sleeve. For example, after hearing a completely encrypted lesson on partial fractions, don't let the T.A. pat himself on the back. Blow him out of the water by spewing out a line of poetry (most math T.A.'s can no longer understand the English language save where it involves numbers), and ask sincerely if he knows, since he's so smart, whether that was a complex-double-subjunctive-insubordination or a compound-hallucinatory-objective-with-a-triple-whammy. Ten bucks says he'll try to answer.

Nathan Hammond
Blackfoot, Idaho

The true VOICE

Dear Editor:

We were really disheartened when we read all the Tuesday editorials concerning the Clarence Thomas issue. We felt there was a serious misunderstanding of the organization VOICE.

The original letter printed last Thursday, protesting the visit of Clarence Thomas, represented the opinion of a few individuals and not the organization. VOICE does not have political affiliations of any sort. We are an on-campus organization established to educate women and men about women's issues.

There are many more questions raised at our meetings than hateful accusations or definite answers about gender issues. Our meetings so far this year have covered topics such as: breast cancer awareness, women and development, race and gender ideologies, rape awareness, child birth and breast-feeding.

A wise person once said, "When all the women of the world are comfortable, it is a comfortable world." VOICE is an organization endeavoring to make this possible.

Mehrsa Baradaran
Goshen, N.Y.
Chelsea Grimmius
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Bryn Goates
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Bookstore conspiracy

Dear Editor:

We are all aware of the Route Y conspiracy to waste students' time; now, we need to open our eyes to an even more diabolical plot: the BYU Bookstore's conspiracy to waste our money. For three years, I have followed cow-like when the time came to buy books, and each time I was oblivious as they milked me dry.

I bought a paperback novel for a literature class. Several days later I was surprised to notice the BYU Bookstore price tag was a dollar higher than the price printed on the book as suggested retail. The irritation I felt was like milk to introduce me to the full meaty outrage I would feel upon learning the full extent of my losses.

I casually visited a website called Varsity-Books.com, who promised great savings on textbooks from the suggested retail prices. But even they have no idea what they would save BYU students. One example: one of my textbooks was for sale at $51 on the website, suggested retail was $60. BYU Bookstore's price (what I paid): $77.90. Easily 100 bucks a semester, kids, if the trend continues for you as it did me. I encourage you to give it a shot. Just see how much you could save by shopping elsewhere. Give the BYU Bookstore a little competition, and let's see capitalism at it's best.

Jeannette Cook
Provo

Get the story right

Dear Editor:

The article in Monday's paper about The Cafe, BYUSA and "club" Omni was interesting. In regards to the "Swing Kids vs. the Omni," BYUSA coordinator Jonathan Kau is quoted as saying, "Given that there was a shooting at Club Omni over the break, we felt our concerns were justified."

These comments are screwed up. First, didn't the group Indigo Swing play at the Wilk long before the shooting incident took place? Where is this "justification?" Did some kid's death at the Omni make Kau feel justified two months down the road after the failed Indigo Swing thing?

Second, what is the difference in "atmosphere" that BYUSA wants to shy away from? Loud music, flashing lights, non-LDS people and people in tight clothes? Seen that at the Wilk too. Sure, it would be nice to send my kids to BYU in the future, but not to an "atmosphere" where computers, bikes, books, gym shorts and girlfriends are stolen on a weekly basis.

Get it straight BYUSA, and take the blame for a failed promotion/concert of Indigo Swing. Why double standard yourself through the "justification" of a dead kid and a local business that encountered an unfortunate set of events?

Jon Chamberlain
Provo

Stop the skaters

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention that a new city ordinance has been proposed which would outlaw skateboarding on any property, public or private, with the posting of a small sign. Let me shed the light of personal experience and expertise on the situation. I used to be a skater, yes, I was on the inside.

During that time, like all skaters do, I ran into small dogs and old ladies with my skateboard, grew my hair and beard long as the heathen do. My skateboard had pictures of skulls, snakes and scary monsters all over it. It was evil. Sometimes, I would do tricks — not for fun you see — just to be wild and crazy.

Well, I saw the light. Now I stay home all day playing video games, making crank calls and eating hot pockets. I realize now that Provo is safer without someone like me out and about on the streets. We should outlaw skateboarding because doing so will help us wild and crazy kids to settle down — it just makes sense. Maybe next week I'll tell you about the inherent evil of roller skates. For now, rally against skating.

Aaron Davies
San Ramon, Calif.

Jocks for all

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reply to the lette[r] ing Proportions" found in Thurs[day] Universe.

First of all, we are not BYU ath[letics], ties, we are the physical educati[on] division of the Health and Hum[an] mance Services Department. Secon[d], the most part, we do have the nec[essary] to accommodate just about every[one]. you did not get the correct size, it possibly been for one of the foll[owing] sons:

A-You did not specify which s[ize] quote scripture, "ask and ye shall r[eceive]

B-You demanded your clothes as paying for them (a simple "please"

C-You left us your old jock tang[led] shorts and expected us to separate

D-You took your clothes off in before handing them in.

E-You showered with your clot[hes] they were dripping wet.

F-You called us dirty names wh[en] you to shave off that pitiful attem[pt] tee.

G-You set your clothes on the co[unter] blank stare on your face, expecting read your mind or guess your size at you.

H-You walked in front of the c[ounter] the towel you could have been wea

Now I know most of you are wrong. We have many wonderful patrons. However, if these behavio[rs] avoided in the future and commo[n] courtesy put to use, everyone cou[ld be] happy.

Kevin Heaton
Provo

Careful with techn

Dear Editor:

While reading The Daily U[niverse] Wednesday, I was interested in "Cougars to move to digital age wonderful way for the university on various expenses, as the article recognize the many benefits con[nec]nology provides all of us.

However, as I know no more than that which this article provid[es] convey my concerns in hope tha[t] enlightened further on the matte[r]. cerns goes out to the individual Brigham Young University. The "Decreasing computer costs mak[e] ownership a more realistic goal in Computers, no doubt, are much ch[eaper] than they have been in the past, bu[t] does the university believe they "two or three year period" to com[e] students to own personal computer

But what about students who si[mply] afford a computer? What is the n[ext] plan? Am I premature in my con[cern] of laptops (and even then), when apartments of five or six students sonal computer owned by each occupant?

Each day I spend hours on a com[puter] homework and research. At this p[oint], however, as my wife and I have ch[ildren] start a family before investing computer, I rely on the computers I am grateful for this alternative B[YU] ly provides me. Hence, my que[stion] BYU still offer this alternative (if such) once "owning personal co[mputers] required?" Or will people in my s[ituation] cannot afford one, regardless of costs," face some academic or tance penalty.

Jared R. Walker
Provo

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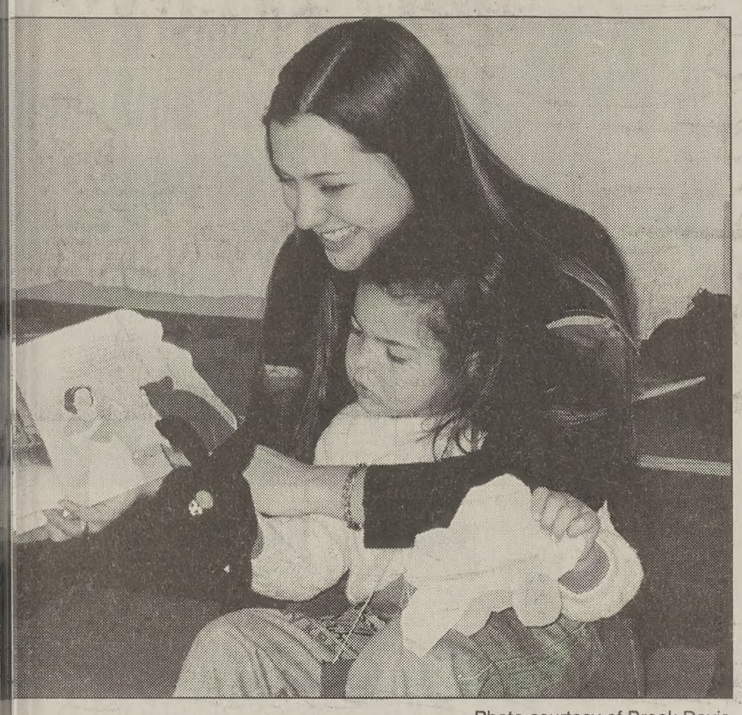

Photo courtesy of Brook Davis

avis reads Snow White to a Anya, a kindergartner in , Russia. Davis taught English to children in Russia as part ternational Language Program during the Fall 1998.

By JENNIFER JONES
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NewsNet Staff Writer

International Language Programs train BYU students to teach English to children in Russia and other countries, giving students experiences they wouldn't get stateside.

"This non-profit corporation has programs in five Russian cities, including Moscow, St. Petersburg, Voronezh, Perm and Ufa," said Trevor McKee, president of the ILP board.

Brook Davis, 19, a sophomore from Provo, majoring in international and area studies, taught English in Voronezh during the fall of 1998. Davis explained that besides a few day-retreats, the volunteers only receive a one-week training session before beginning to teach.

"I went to Voronezh not knowing what to expect but I came home with a changed outlook on the world," Davis said.

Davis said the people in Russia were the most hospitable she had ever met.

McKee said the ILP is teaching children English in Belaru, in the Baltic region, and Taiwan. He said until the Chinese government tightened restrictions on visas, ILP had 75 teachers in mainland China.

McKee, associate professor of human development, said he founded ILP in 1992 because he did not want to start children on a second-language program and then abandon them.

"The students we originally began teaching several years ago are now fifth-graders and our teachers love to see their progress," McKee said.

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udent wins contest, date

By CARRIE REINFURT
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NewsNet Staff Writer

do essay contests offer a night on the town with the first prize. The recent BYUSA contest was on.

all, 18, a freshman from Springville, majoring in education, has won a date with BYUSA Presi- Bowers ,24, a senior from Parma, Idaho, major- stics.

the date for taking first place in a 60-word test sponsored by BYUSA. The theme of the "We are one student serving the next."

e for winning was a $30 gift certificate to the Restaurant, a T-shirt and a date with either Brian Karen Duffin, BYUSA vice president.

e was not mandatory, but if Brian is paying, why said.

Call said the main reason she entered the contest was to communicate the purpose of service at BYU, though she knew of a few individuals who entered just for a chance for a date with Duffin.

Call's inspiration for the essay occurred by the northeast entrance of the bookstore when Call heard a man say, "Let me get that door for you."

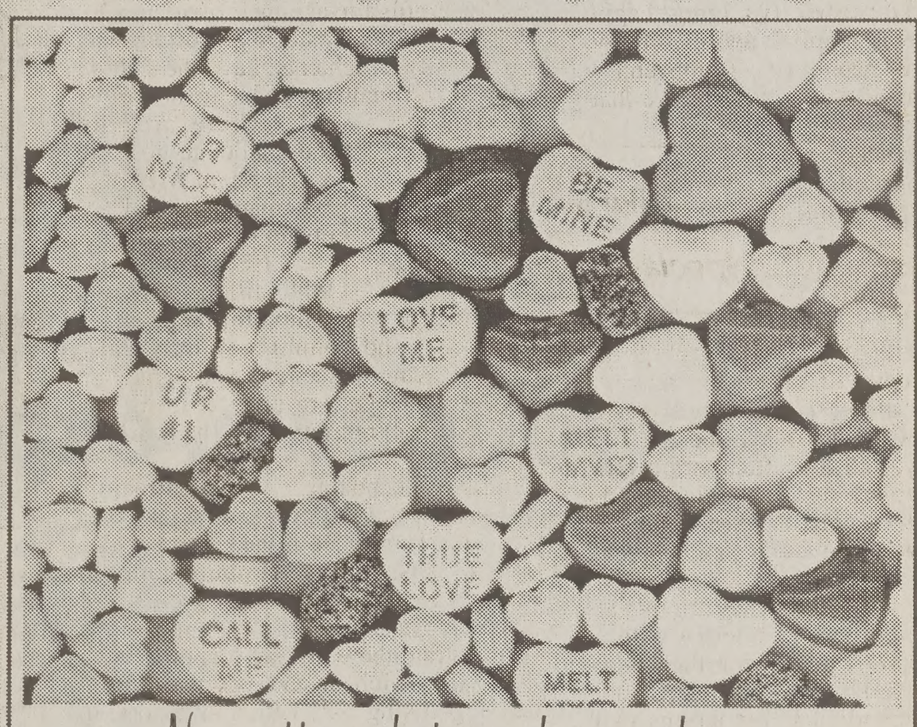
She turned around to see a man in a wheelchair opening the door by pushing the automatic door release.

"This message of service is exactly what we were looking for with this contest," Bowers said. "It is the little things we do for each other that add to our lives here at BYU."

Call found out about the contest from her roommate, who heard about it during a class.

One of Call's roommates volunteers for BYUSA and knows Bowers.

Call was introduced to Bowers once at a football game, so the date isn't exactly a blind date.



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Say it with the Love Lines.

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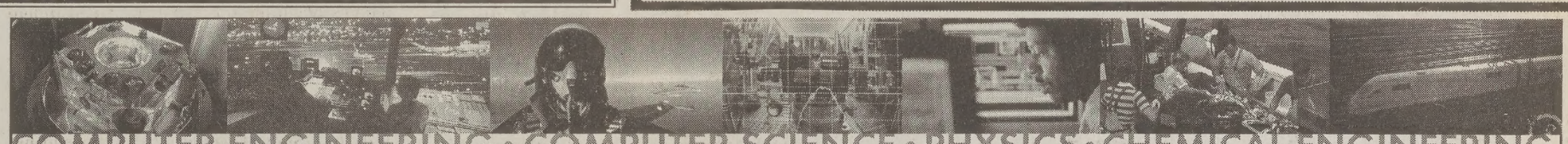

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Y grad earns degree at 19

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Sariah Kell graduated from BYU in December. She was working toward a degree in molecular biology before she earned her high school diploma.

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At BYU's graduation ceremony in December, a 19-year-old received a bachelor's degree in molecular biology.

Sariah Kell, from Contra Costa, Calif., applied for the Summer 1996 term at BYU and was automatically admitted for fall semester although she had not received a high school diploma.

Upon admittance to BYU, Kell had already received 93 college credits from Contra Costa Community College.

Kell was able to complete the credits by age 17 while attending a special middle-college high school.

"High school was pretty easy for me. I have always loved to learn and know as much as I can," Kell said.

Her credits were accepted at college and high school levels.

Kell said she had every intention of finishing the two classes needed to merit a high school diploma. She even contemplated turning down her admittance to BYU and reapplying at a later date.

"Sariah really wanted her high school diploma. It was just a fluke that she didn't get it," said her mother, Carol Barton.

Kell's interest in genetics was sparked by her younger sister, Elizabeth.

"Elizabeth suffers from a rare genetic disorder called isovaleric academia. There are less than 100 cases in the world. She is vehemently allergic to meat of any kind. If she gets any in her system, it could cause permanent retardation or fatality," Barton said.

Kell was not aspiring to find a cure for Elizabeth, who is graduating with an associate's degree at age 17 and may attend BYU in the fall. Rather, she desired to understand why and how this rarity occurred, Barton said.

According to Barton, Kell comes from a family of gifted children.

"Ironically, of all of my four kids who took the gifted test to see if they were intellectually superior to other kids in their age level, Sariah was the only one who did not pass. I laugh about it now, although she doesn't find it very funny," Barton said.

Kell said she is glad she chose BYU over her high school diploma.

"I like the environment at BYU, that is part of the reason I am working here," she said.

Kell is a research technician under Leo Vernon, professor emeritus in chemistry and biochemistry, who also had a daughter graduate at age 19.

"Sariah catches onto the research protocol fairly quickly and she's a hard worker. She'll do well," Vernon said.

Although she graduated, Kell is enrolled in two classes.

"I am taking psychology and music appreciation. I wanted to take fun classes that I've never had a chance to take before," Kell said.

Kell said she does not want to end her education yet. She plans to work for a year before working toward a master's and a doctorate degree.

Study on your own, experience Israel

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Students are now able to experience the Holy Land without leaving home, thanks to a new class offered by the BYU Independent Study program.

For many students, experiencing the people and culture in Jerusalem is a highlight of their BYU education, said Cathryn Kramer, 21, a junior from Orem majoring in history.

Kramer said she has wonderful memories of her trip to Jerusalem this past summer.

"It was a really spiritual experience," she said.

"I wish there was enough room and money for everybody to experience it."

Although spaces and resources are limited, a new Near Eastern independent study course makes it possible to study Jerusalem without actually going there.

The course is Near Eastern Studies 398R: People and Cultures of the Holy Land.

"We are really excited about this course," said Dwight Laws, director of independent study.

"When I went to the Holy Land, I went with Dann Hone, who will be teaching the course through the independent study program. He's lived there before and knows the material well. I know that he can make this course come alive."

Kramer said she thinks it's wonderful that BYU has made it possible for people to experience a part of the Holy Land, no matter what their circumstances.

The Near Eastern Studies course is one of 60 courses offered through the Independent Study program.

"We are adding new classes all the time," said Duane Hiatt, editorial and media publicist for the continuing education program.

Students can call the continuing education department for a catalog.

Or they can visit the Web site by selecting continuing education from BYU's Internet home page to find out what courses are offered.

Laws said anyone can take Independent Study through BYU.

"You don't have to be a student here, or anywhere for that matter. Every participant has up to a year to complete each course, so it's great for those who cannot conform to the regular rigors of campus life," he said.

It is even possible to merit a bachelor's degree in general studies through Independent Study, Laws said.

"It isn't possible to graduate without some sort of on-campus work, but the possibilities are growing," Laws said.

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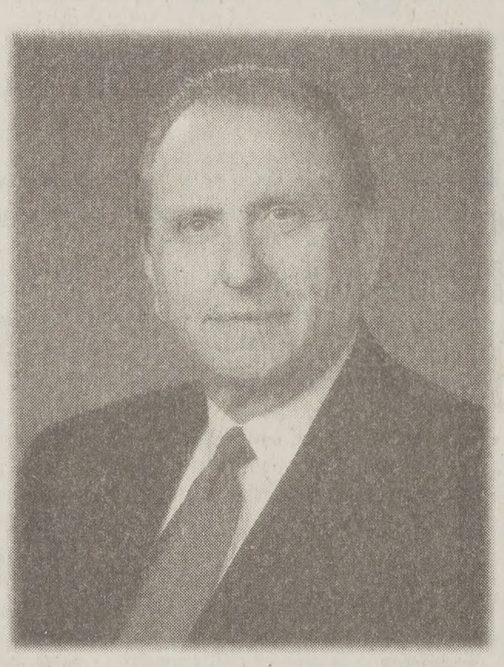

President Thomas S. Monson

First Counselor in the First Presidency

Before his current calling in March 1995, President Thomas S. Monson had served for 10 years as Second Counselor in the LDS Church First Presidency. He was ordained an Apostle and called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in October of 1963. He presided over the Church's Canadian Mission from 1959 to 1962 and has served in a stake presidency and as a bishop.

President Monson graduated cum laude from the University of Utah in 1948, earning a degree in business management. He later received his MBA from Brigham Young University, and in 1981 BYU conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa.* He is a U.S. Navy veteran and is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi honorary business fraternity.

President Monson has had a distinguished career in publishing and printing. He is a past president of Printing Industry of Utah and a former member of the Printing Industry of America's board of directors. He serves as a trustee of Brigham Young University and the LDS Church Board of Education.

For many years, President Monson served as a member of the Utah State Board of Regents, which governs higher education throughout the state. In 1981 he was appointed by President Reagan to serve on the President's Task Force for Private Sector Universities. In 1997 he received the Utah National Guard Minuteman Award and BYU's Exemplary Manhood Award.

President Monson was honored with the University of Utah's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1966. He is recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Buffalo Awards from the Boy Scouts of America, and he holds Scouting's highest honor, the Bronze Wolf Award.

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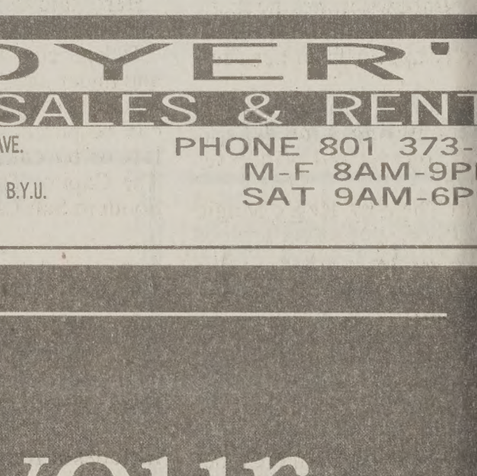

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OS author to speak at UVSC

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ott Card, author of the "Ender's Game" trilogy, signs a ne BYU bookstore for Stephan Fassman, a former BYU ard will give two lectures at UVSC on Friday.

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Acclaimed Latter-day Saint writer Orson Scott Card will be speaking at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Utah Valley State College on Friday.

The author of such famous books as "Ender's Game" and "Lost Boys," Card is giving two lectures in the Ragan Theatre. The 11 a.m. lecture is titled "Storytelling Ethics."

"Every culture depends on the stories that the people of that culture believe in," Card said. "If stories from our culture relate that we think it's OK to lie and cheat and still be president, then we are in a lot of trouble."

"We're very proud to have him here," said Elaine Englehardt, director of Center for the Study of Ethics at UVSC. "We're excited to learn about situational ethics gained from characters in stories."

The second of Card's speeches, at 1 p.m., will be a reading of his current work, "The Elephants of Posnan," a short story that has yet to be published.

"It will first be published in Polish, which is fitting as it takes place in Poland, then it will go into Spanish and then into English later this year," Card said.

Card has won both the most prestigious sci-fi awards, the Hugo and the Nebula, two years running, as well as the World Fantasy Award and the fiction award from the Association of Mormon Letters.

ncers re-create magic in SLC show

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Woodbury Dance Compa- rform "The Shy Hag's dow Show" at 7 p.m. Fri- p.m. Saturday at the Capi- in Salt Lake City.

rn dance performance is a ow that doesn't contain t traditional sense, but it several stage tricks, said dbury publicity director ero.

, there is no real plot," "It's just a crazy, nutty v."

consists of modern danc- mprovisation and story- uses shadow dancing, tic costuming and humor age tricks, Hero said.

ngton, education director company member, plays Hag is the teller of tales rainbows in her pockets, et wishes and makes chil- ally appear from her caul-

ls through forests and ice countering witches, spi- es, pirates and princesses ay.

"The Shy Hag's Magic Shadow Show" was created in 1979 and was performed every year on Halloween until 1987. The show is being re-created in honor of the dance company's 35th season.

"The Shy Hag" was written and designed by Lorrie Sue Keller with choreography by Shirley Ririe, Joan Woodbury and the Ririe Woodbury dancers.

When the show was a yearly tradition, Hag was played alternately by Ririe and Woodbury, artistic co-directors and founders of the dance company.In addition to Arrington, there are six dancers and seven children in the show.

"This is a fun, wonderful show. Everyone will enjoy it," Hero said. "The costumes are amazing and the dancing is beautiful."

Audience members are invited to join the cast for a post-performance pizza party in the lobby of the Capitol Theatre. Donations of $2 will be accepted the day of the show.

Hero said the show lasts about an hour.

Tickets cost $25; Children ages 12 and under get in at half price. There is also a family price of $36. Tickets can be purchased at any ArtTix outlets or by calling (801) 355-ARTS. The Capitol Theatre is at 50 W. 200 South in Salt Lake City.

Courtesy of Ririe Woodbury Dance Company

"The Shy Hag's Magic Shadow Show" will be performed this weekend in honor of Ririe Woodbury Dance Company's 35th anniversary. The performance features modern dancing, improvisation and stage tricks.

ughin' it up with Divine Comedy

Comedy Review

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edy troupe Divine Come- weeping success last week- ng with its two sold-out ay evening.

o the first show. began, the crowd dy cheering and Troupe member, Hull, a junior from Oaks, Calif. major- blic relations, said he audience was very gener- gh before the show even it wasn't kindness, it was for the type of fun Divine Comedy delivers.

Divine Comedy's greatest appeal comes from the ability the group has to recreate BYU life. One dating skit includes a referee, Miles Romney, a sophomore from Escondido, Calif. majoring in accounting. Romney calls a penalty when Kendra Nieman, a senior from Clayton, Calif. majoring in political science, tries to thwart an unexpected kiss.

Romney calls her for "roughing the kisser." He also penalizes her date, Ben Unguren, a sophomore from Seattle, Wash. majoring in film, for charging.

The a cappella group 2-5-9 performed with the troupe. Animated and relaxed, the group connected with the audience. I enjoyed their original number, "Moses." It is a religious song with soul.

When the performance ended, Divine Comedy came out together to take a bow. A roaring chant from the audience called for one more skit, "Star Wars."

Unguren narrated while the two other comedians impersonated various characters from the "Star Wars" trilogy.

The impersonations ranged from favorites such as Chewbacca to Darth Vader. Jason Smith's, a junior from Idaho Falls, Idaho, majoring in computer science, impersonation of Luke Skywalker that elated the audience.

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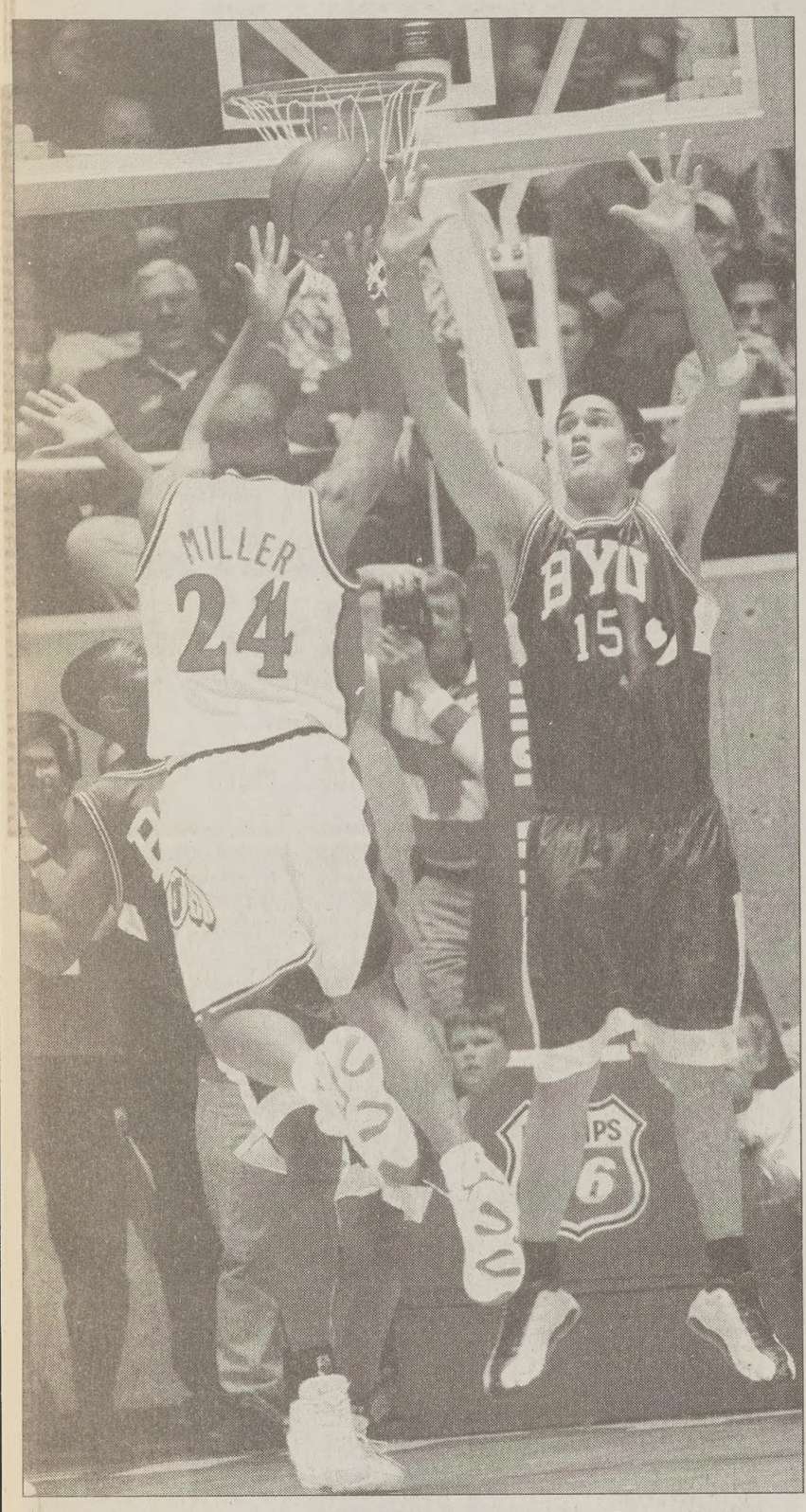

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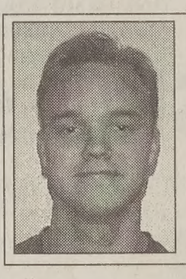
BYU's Mekeli Wesley tries to defend ute Andre Miller while Silester Rivers gets knocked out of the play during the Cougars' Jan. 1 matchup with Utah at the Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City.

Some major surprises wait for Utes in Provo



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Universe Sports Editor Emeritus

Those dreaded Utes are riding into town again this Saturday.

You know what that has meant, at least for the past three years. It's time for the Cougars to turn around, drop their drawers and take their whipping like men.

At first glance, the prospects for this contest look just as bleak as they have since the Cougars last won in 1995. Utah comes in playing its best basketball of the year. The Utes have won 12 games in a row to improve their record to 17-4 overall. They are ranked 20th nationally.

Then there's BYU. Although vastly improved from last year, the Cougars are in a slump right now, having lost three straight. The last time they faced the Utes, they were embarrassed. The highlight of the last two weeks for the Cougars has been extended ESPN time due to Bret Jepsen's backboard-breaking escapade.

But fear not. We are merely experiencing the trials that inevitably come before the triumph. The light is breaking, and the shadows of seven straight losses to the Utes are about to scatter.

A BYU victory in this series is imminent. In fact, I'm saying it's going to happen Saturday night in front of a nationwide audience on ESPN2. Obviously, as documented above, there really is nothing at all pointing to a Cougar break-through. So let's just call it a hunch.

Maybe it's an educated hunch. Here are five reasons I see Utah falling on its hung-over face Saturday.

1-The above white space is dedicated to Utah center Nate Althoff, the human version of a great white space. Althoff is so immobile, he makes Jepsen look like a ballerina. He's only playing this year because there's no one else.

2-Rick Majerus' ever-bulging waist line. He is so fat, two permanent indents have been found in the Huntsman Center floor where he stands. He's had to stop wearing red sweaters, because ever since "The Nutty Professor," people have taken to calling out, "Kool Aid," whenever he walks by.

So what's all this have to do with the game? Saturday night, Majerus will finally blow. I mean, the laws of physics can only be held at bay for so long. Right during crunch time, Majerus' shirt will burst, and he'll be left standing bare-chested in front of 23,000 people. He'll be forced to roll off the court in shame.

3-Andre Miller's kleptomaniac tendencies will return. Miller, who had some shoplifting troubles as a freshman, has never really recovered. Saturday, with Michael Vranes in his face for 40 minutes, he'll revert to his true self. About midway through the second half, police will discover folders full of BYU students' social security numbers stuffed in Miller's locker. They'll be forced to stop the game, handcuff Miller to the Utah bench and read him his rights, sealing the Utes' fate.

4-Hanno Mottola will remember that Europeans are supposed to play soccer, not basketball. After getting knocked unconscious by a beautifully placed Mekeli Wesley elbow early in the game, the Finland native will wake with no basketball knowledge whatsoever. He'll return to his natural state and start kicking the ball every chance he gets. One time, he'll kick one into the basket and promptly strip off his shirt and run around the court in celebration. This will cause him to be removed from the Marriott Center for indecent exposure.

5-Lastly, and seriously, the Utes are ripe. They don't respect our team. They see no possibility of BYU even giving them a game. The Cougars have played everyone tough at home, and with a few breaks would own wins over Arizona and California.

On Saturday, those breaks will finally come.

Road woes for men's tennis

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BYU's 44th-ranked men's tennis team hit the road last week for contests in Southern California, going 1-2 on the trip.

Saturday, the team defeated the No. 31 University of California at Santa Barbara 5-2, handing the Gauchos their third-consecutive loss of the season.

BYU took a 1-0 advantage Saturday after winning the doubles' point. BYU's doubles teams of Nic Losee/Jeff Harbach and Gert Vilms/Dave White each won their matches 8-6.

BYU's Manuel Calvo came back to win his singles match in the No. 1 position, defeating UCSB's Cory Guy 5-7, 6-4, 7-6. Nic Losee also went three sets in the No. 3 position, defeating UCSB's Marcin Kosakowski 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Damien Ward and Jeff Harbach finished off the Gauchos, winning their matches 7-5, 6-4 and 7-5, 6-3 respectively.

"It was good to get a win in the final match," Harbach said. "(To) get confidence and feel good about the way we played against the other teams."

That win came after Friday's match with the University of California at Irvine was rained out.

Thursday, BYU faced No. 28 San Diego State and took a 1-0 lead after winning the doubles' point. But the Cougars couldn't finish it out and dropped their second match of the year 4-3.

The biggest loss of the trip came Wednesday to 15th-ranked USC. The match began on Tuesday and was delayed because of rain.

Gert Vilms was the only ray of light in the storm BYU lost 6-1. Vilms, a freshman from Estonia, defeated Roman Kukal 6-4, 6-1.

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son, the Cougars went 29- and 13-17 in-conference to e game shy of making the rnament. With a revamped llins believes the team will improved from that show-

hallenge polishing any part me when playing quality ut if the team's character, and determination stay here isn't any aspect we rove on," he said.

ugars will return 10 players year, including two starting and two infielders. Ryan ogan will anchor a strong unit at second base. The senior was named to the e Slugger Pre-Season All- second team after batting slugging 20 homeruns last Before transferring from ond was a Junior-College rican for the Vikings.

like we have something to ond said, referring to predic- the Cougars will finish in n half of the WAC. "If we quality teams, we can be think we will be a surprise l show that we should be the top 20."

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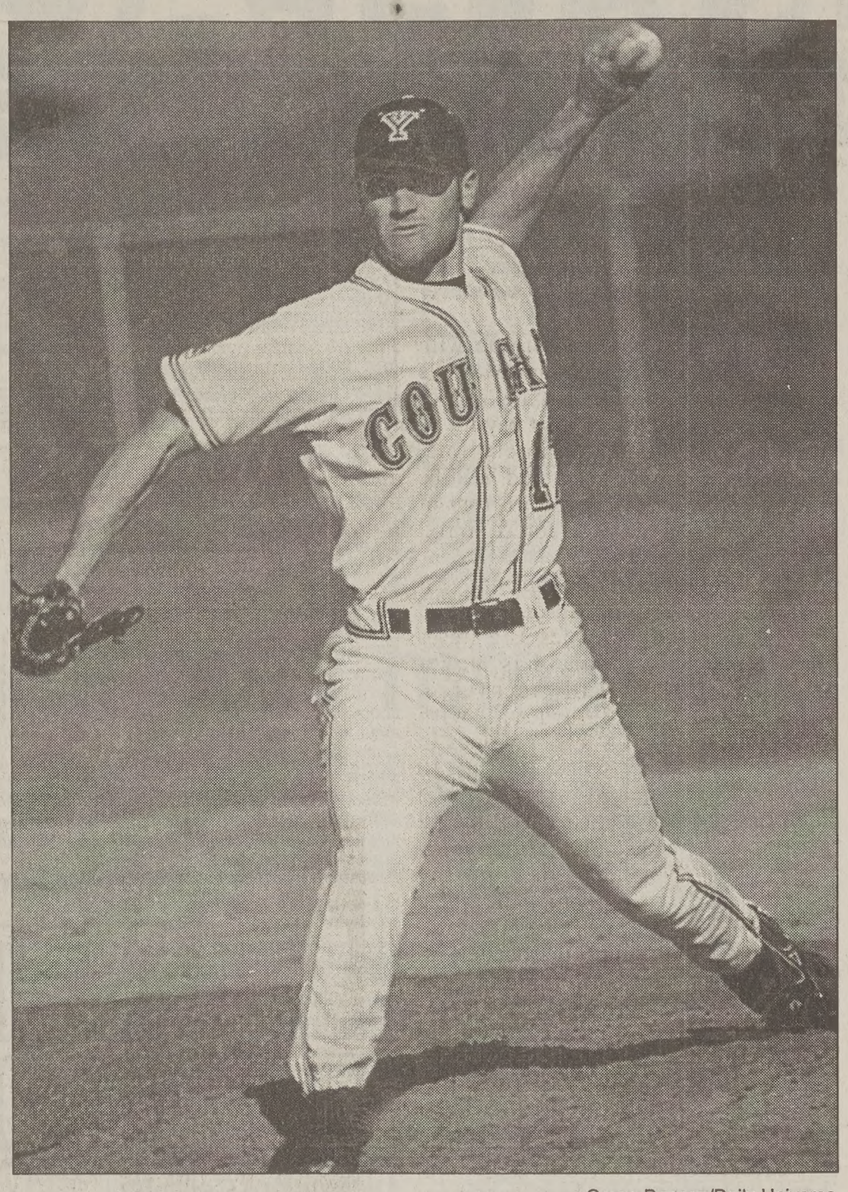

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A BYU pitcher in mid-windup during a home game with TCU last season. The Cougars will start preseason action this weekend.

season, it will have to do it with pitching. Although leading the conference with a .356 batting average last season, a team ERA of nearly 8.00 negated the Cougar's offense.

BYU returns four starters — Todd Crump, Tyler Holland, Matt Rex and Jeremy Thomas — in its rotation, who will most likely spend more time on the mound in relief than starting.

"We have a nice pitching staff," Pullins said. "They've all made nice improvements with their pitching abilities."

The team will play its first series with wooden bats as it begins the season against Southern Colorado Friday and Saturday in Pueblo, Colo. It will then head to St. George to co-host the four-day Dixie Tournament with Dixie College.

Against the Thunderwolves, pitcher Micah Mangrum will start for the Cougars followed by southpaw Jeremiah DeLlamas and junior Rusty Gray Saturday in a doubleheader.

BYU will remain on the road for its first 26 games before opening at home March 19 against San Jose State. Conference play will begin for the Cougars Feb. 26 at New Mexico.

"The WAC is a very competitive conference," Pullins said. "This is not a conference for the weak-hearted. That's why the preseason is so important. You get your team together to compete and improve — this team will do that."

Hall of Famer needs new liver to survive

Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Walter Payton, gaunt, tearful and barely resembling the dashing, durable Chicago Bears' Hall of Famer who rushed his way into the NFL record books, got to the point quickly on Tuesday:

He has a rare liver disease and needs a transplant to live.

"To the people that really care about me, just continue praying," said the 44-year-old Payton, who choked up when he embraced his 17-year-old son, Jarrett.

The disease, primary sclerosing cholangitis, afflicts just three in 100,000 people, said Payton's physician, Dr. Joseph Lagattuta. The cause of the disease, which blocks the bile ducts, is unknown, but isn't related to alcohol, steroids, hepatitis or immune deficiency, he said.

Patients in Payton's condition survive an average of two years unless they receive a liver transplant, Lagattuta said. Symptoms include fatigue and jaundice — yellowing of the pigment of the eyes and skin.

In 13 years with the Bears, Payton's trademarks were his vaulting goal line leaps and a punishing running style. He stiff-armed and barreled past tacklers in the open field almost as often as he dodged them.

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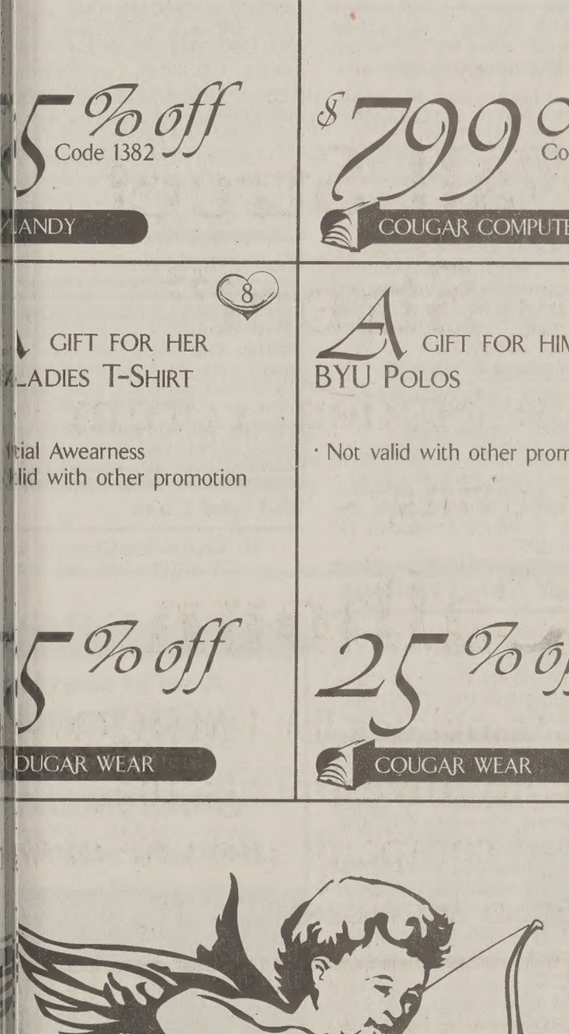

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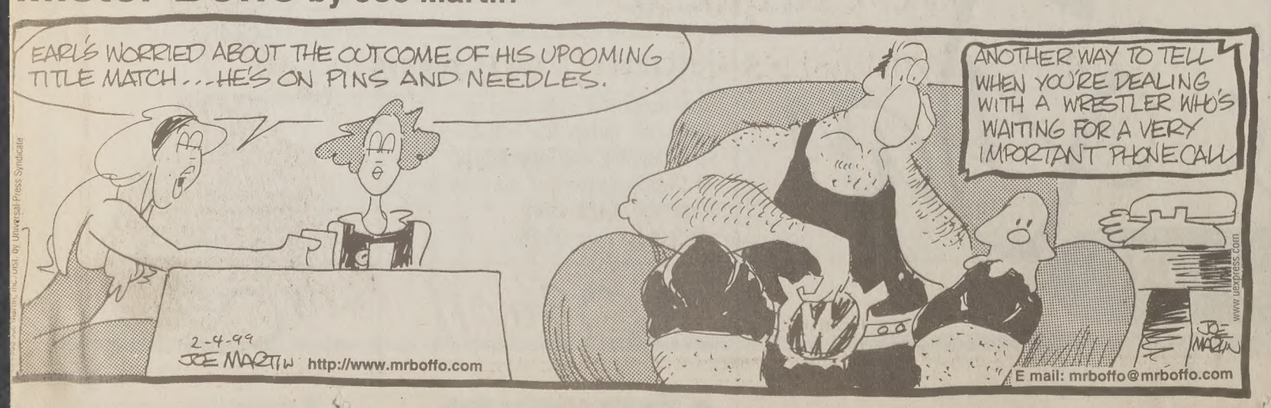
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Jocks sock it to IOC

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Olympic leaders tried Wednesday to salvage the broad outlines of anti-drug reforms after bitter discord at the world doping summit left two of its prime goals in shreds.

Athletes and sports federations fought over imposing a mandatory two-year minimum ban for major drug abusers, with the IOC moving to allow a major loophole when the first-of-its-kind conference concludes today.

The committee said it could allow any sports federation to seek lesser penalties as protection against legal challenges. But that compromise was also attacked.

If sports organizations "run scared of well-lawyered athletes, they are failing the majority of our athletes," said Princess Anne, a British IOC member and former Olympic competitor.

Faced with pressure from the United States and 15-nation European Union, the IOC also prepared for months of negotiations to set up a $25 million independent anti-drug agency. And on that issue, the committee was battered again. The committee was told unequivocally that IOC officials would not fill the top spots, a huge step back from its proposals.

"Any control by the IOC would obviate its independence and destroy its credibility," said Dr. Donald Vereen, the deputy director of U.S. National Drug Control Policy.

British Minister of Sport Tony Banks read an EU statement unanimously rejecting the IOC proposal that it lead the proposed agency. He urged "urgent consultations, starting this month, to try to get the anti-doping agency in motion.

"Perhaps we can agree on the principle of an agency but at the end of the meeting you will not have an agency decided in detail," IOC drug chief Prince Alexandre de Merode conceded.

IOC Vice President Dick Pound, in charge of finding ways to pay for the agency and its universal drug enforcement, said governments and sports bodies could split the leadership roles 50-50. But he warned that such involvement would also require more government funding.

The inability to solve the two key issues and the open dispute it caused ripped apart the conference, which the International Olympic Committee had hoped would both reassert its anti-drug leadership and divert attention from the bribery scandal.

If the IOC had hoped the conference would stimulate debate, Pound said, "we have succeeded beyond our wildest dreams."

Gore benefitting from small field

Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. — The Democratic presidential field for 2000, once expected to be a crowded, contentious free-for-all, is shaping up to Al Gore's liking. He faces few challengers, allowing him to play the vice presidency to fullest advantage.

As Gore traveled Wednesday to New Hampshire for the 14th time in five years, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt was announcing that he will bypass the presidential campaign and try instead to become speaker of the House in 2000.

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> *— Kris Durmer, New Hampshire activist*

Hardly a surprise, Gephardt's announcement was nonetheless a high-five affair for a Gore team already brimming with confidence. They lost their most potent party rival and picked up support from a few top Gephardt allies in this first-in-the-nation primary state.

"This clears the field a bit," said Joe Keefe, one of about a dozen New Hampshire activists buzzing around Gore and his staff Wednesday.

Gore's only announced challenger, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, has the star appeal of a Hall of Fame basketball player but still must prove he has the money and the message to seriously challenge Gore.

Money is not Gore's problem. Message is.

The impeachment saga has made it difficult for him to explain why he should succeed Clinton, other than saying: It's my turn.

He is methodically framing a message by taking credit for the booming economy and staking claim to White House initiatives such as worker retraining and controlling community sprawl.

Gore surrounded himself Wednesday with students and teachers at a Nashua job training facility, promising more federal aid to workers preparing for better jobs.

"We've already seen some results in New Hampshire," he said. "But we've only started."

Bradley's allies think a two-man field would favor their candidate, giving him sole claim to any anti-Gore or pro-change sentiment. Indeed, Gore advisers had welcomed talk of a bigger field last year, saying it would dilute the strength of challengers.

Now they've changed their tune, arguing that Gore has had enough time to build an almost insurmountable operation in New Hampshire and other key primary states.

"Bradley is a great guy and there are some other good Democrats thinking about getting in, but New Hampshire is already for Gore," said activist Kris Durmer.

S. forces may move into Kosovo

Associated Press

NGTON — A NATO-led ping force could be needed o for three to five years to ny peace accord and might p to 4,000 American troops, on administration told Con-Wednesday.

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ninistration also shared with rs a draft of a U.S.-sponsored peace plan that would dramatically reduce Serbian control over Kosovo. It would give the province considerable self-government powers while allowing some continued Serbian military presence.

The administration also pledged to provide a series of "benchmarks" to be used as a basis for extricating U.S. troops once they are introduced, congressional and administration sources said.

Kosovo's ethnic Albanian rebels have agreed to participate in weekend peace talks demanded by the United States and NATO allies as pressure increased on Serbia's hard-line government to join the talks. NATO has threatened airstrikes if Serbia and the rebels aren't talking by Saturday and closing a peace deal by Feb. 19 under talks organized by the United States and five European powers.

Some U.S. ground presence could be crucial to any peace accord because Kosovo's Albanians "would not feel confident of having a NATO force that doesn't have some representation by the United States," Defense Secretary William Cohen told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"They feel that we, in fact, by participating in some measure on the ground, would give them the confidence they would not be attacked by Serb forces."

Cohen predicted a three to five-year stay if troops are introduced, but said the U.S. ground presence would be "relatively small," and that Europeans should make up the bulk of the peacekeeping force. The United States would retain the lead responsibility for any airstrikes, he said.

And in the most detailed description yet of what such a force might look like, Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the committee he envisioned an overall NATO presence of 20,000 to 30,000 troops.

"Our numbers could be very low, down maybe possibly as low as 2,000 to 4,000," Shelton said. "And I would see that being the maximum number ... even if they decided to go in with 30,000."

The administration had its work cut out for it in lobbying a Congress weary of the long entanglement in Bosnia and concerned about a decline in military readiness.

rafat to continue peace accords

Associated Press

SHINGTON — Palestinian Yasser Arafat Wednesday ed his intention of carrying e stalled West Bank accords srael.

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also surveyed the stalled Bank process and agreed to meeting in mid-February of t U.S.-Palestinian commis- develop trade, scientific and l ties, Rubin said.

t got a boost before arriving, , when the State Department nced it had no evidence to support Israeli accusations that suspects in attacks on Americans had been set free.

"Those charges, so far as we can tell, are simply not proven by any evidence," spokesman Rubin said Tuesday.

Arafat met with Albright and members of Congress Wednesday.

He also hoped to have a few minutes with President Clinton at a prayer breakfast today.

His participation has sparked complaints by some Christian fundamentalists and a Jewish group.

Randy Tate, executive director of the Christian Coalition, said he would boycott the breakfast.

To attend, Tate said, "would provide legitimacy to an unrepentant terrorist who has the blood of thousands on his hands."

Thad Pinney, communications director for the Traditional Values Coalition, which represents 40,000 churches, said "we are encouraging congressmen to boycott the breakfast because Arafat is an unrepentant terrorist."

Matt Brooks, executive director of the National Jewish Coalition, said Arafat had not "changed his ways."

"We cannot dictate to members of Congress in this matter, it is a religious event, after all," Brooks said of the breakfast.

"But we respectfully asked them to consider boycotting the event so as not to allow Arafat to use their presence for his own political ends," he said.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said the prayer breakfast was "one of the few bastions left in Washington where politics don't normally intrude.

"It's done every year in the spirit of reconciliation. And it's unfortunate that there are some who don't fully understand the spirit of reconciliation and inclusion," he said.

"There are lots of issues that have to be dealt with in the Middle East," said Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn., in an interview. "The American role is to push the this process forward."

Albright is hoping the visit can give a push to the stalled land-for-peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians at Wye.

It calls for Israel to pull back on the West Bank in exchange for measures by the Palestinians to curb terrorism.

The latest flap concerns Israeli claims that five militants suspected in attacks in which Americans were victims had been set free.

Rubin said "we have checked into this thoroughly, and we have not seen any evidence that would confirm the charges that the individuals released were involved in the killing of Americans."

In Jerusalem, David Bar-Illan, a senior adviser to Netanyahu, rejected the U.S. finding.

He said five militants released by the Palestinian Authority were accessories to murder as participants in attacks that killed Americans.

Abuse bill enters UT Senate

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A bill that would streamline the process of purging records from the state's child abuse database has cleared a Utah Senate committee.

Senate Bill 98, sponsored by Sen. Lyle Hillyard, R-Logan, would allow records to be deleted from the database within a year of the reported abuse if child welfare workers determine the allegations were "without merit" and there were no subsequent reports.

The bill also would permit "unsubstantiated" findings to be removed from the database after 10 years — if there are no other reports.

"Without merit" means a Division of Child and Family Services case worker determined the alleged abuse did not occur.

"Unsubstantiated" means there was insufficient evidence to conclude the incident occurred.

The bill was passed by the Senate Human Services Committee on Tuesday and now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

Although records in the database are not public, one man told the committee that the handling of 11 complaints lodged against him by his ex-wife caused him to lose his job and forced him into bankruptcy.

A case worker deemed the cases "substantiated abuse" but the findings were later reversed by a judge, said Dr. David Watson.

In the meantime, Watson's former wife made an issue of the child abuse allegations in the couple's divorce and custody proceedings.

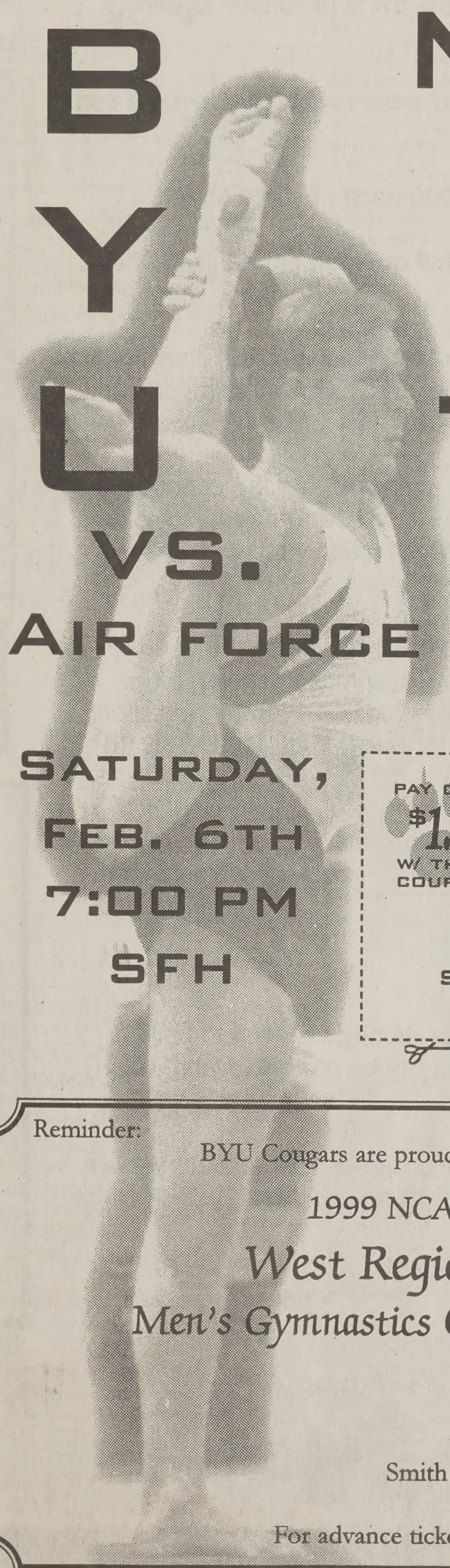
He was asked to take a leave of absence from his job as an anesthesiologist at a Utah hospital.

He has not been permitted to contact his children for a number of years.

"These substantiations are directly related to the loss of my employment and bankruptcy," Watson said.

Family law attorney Jennifer P. Lee told the committee that she fears innocent people can be burdened by allegations made by anonymous parties.

"The fact that someone makes the allegations brands you and you can never get rid of it," she said.



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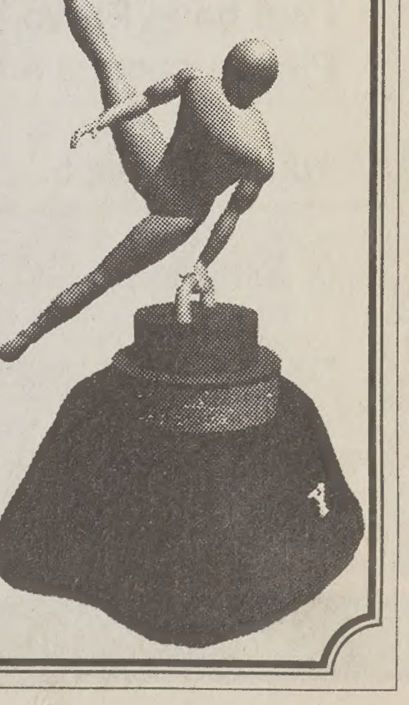

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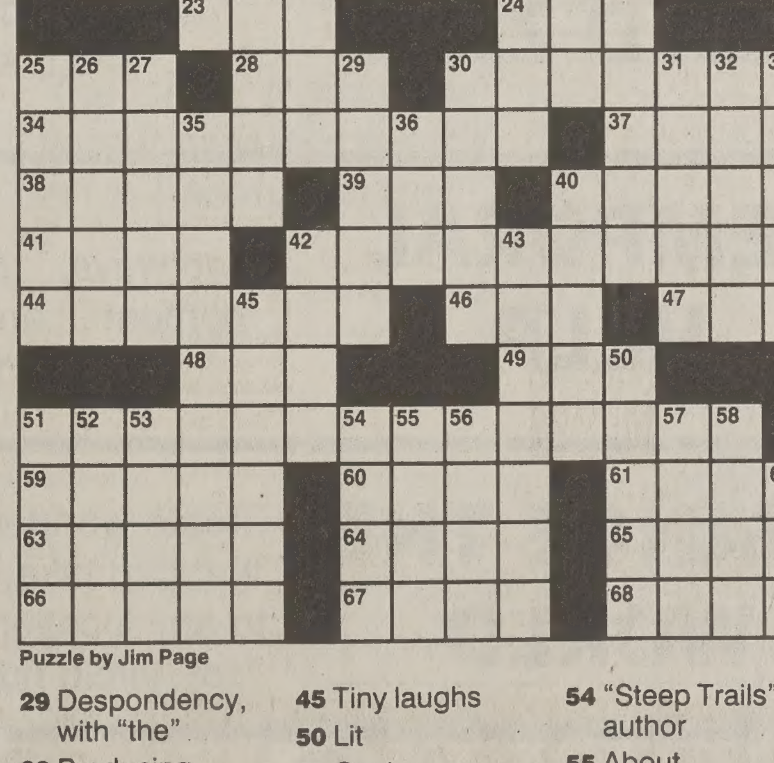

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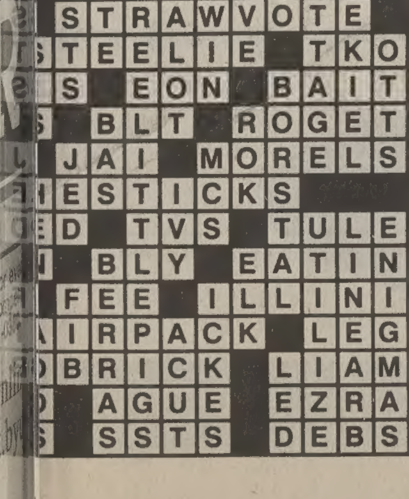

Y2K 'bugs' Russia

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia conceded Wednesday it needs up to $3 billion to tackle the Year 2000 computer glitch — six times the original estimate — and appealed to the United States to help fix computers that control stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

Overwhelmed with debt, the government has long played down the cost and urgency of confronting the "millennium bug," which could destabilize computer systems that control Russia's nuclear arsenal, the world's second largest.

The cost is staggering for a country so broke that its draft budget this year foresees just $21 billion in revenues.

The Russian announcement coincided with a report Wednesday that China also is behind in its work on the Y2K problem.

More than half of China's most crucial enterprises don't even know how to detect the glitch, the official Beijing Morning Post reported Wednesday.

In Russia, officials previously estimated they would need $500 million to make sure older computers do not recognize the new double-zero date as 1900 rather than 2000.

That was before they had thoroughly reviewed the problem, said Alexander Krupnov, chairman of Russia's Central Telecommunications Commission, which is coordinating the country's work on the Y2K bug.

After the first extensive study of government agencies facing potential computer failures — those that control military bases, oil pipelines and airports — Krupnov raised the estimate Wednesday to $2 billion or $3 billion.

With just 330 days to go before the year 2000, Krupnov said each agency was responsible for finding funds to solve the problem.

He made no suggestions about where the cash might come from, but he did appeal to NATO and the U.S. Defense Department to consult with Russia on the problem.

Russia wants to "speak the same language" as the U.S. Defense Department and NATO, he said.

Russia has already agreed to allow NATO experts to investigate the potential danger to Russian weapons systems.

While an errant missile launch would be highly unlikely, computer clock failure could sabotage related systems, such as radar and telecommunications networks.

Krupnov would not say how much money the Defense Ministry needs, but said the energy sector needs a hefty chunk — $160 million.

A key task will be keeping heating systems functioning across this vast, northern country next Jan. 1, he said.

Many analysts say Russia won't be as badly damaged as countries like the United States, because Russia has far fewer computers and a lower overall level of technology.

While Krupnov insisted his commission was doing everything it could, he said, "who knows if the country will be ready ... I can't give any guarantees."

Smoke, drugs end pregnancy

Associated Press

Pregnant women who smoke cigarettes or use cocaine have a higher risk of miscarriage, the most common problem of pregnancy, a study has found.

While other studies have suggested a link, this was the first to use hair and urine testing to determine women's drug use and smoking, instead of relying on their own reports.

"One of the things we have learned from this study is that self-reporting is far from perfect," said Dr. Roberta Ness, of the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health, lead author of the study reported in Wednesday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Smokers are almost twice as likely to miscarry as nonsmokers, and cocaine users are nearly one-and-a-half times as likely to miscarry as nonusers, according to the study.

About 15 percent of pregnancies end in spontaneous abortions treated by doctors, but many women do not seek medical care for early miscarriage.

The researchers looked at 970 women who sought emergency room treatment for miscarriage or other problems at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia while they were less than 22 weeks pregnant. Most of the women were black, poor, single and had not received prenatal care.

Four hundred suffered a miscarriage, while 570 carried their pregnancies beyond 22 weeks.

Hair sample tests showed nearly 29 percent of the women who miscarried had used cocaine, compared to 20 percent of women with continuing pregnancies.

Urine tests showed about 35 percent of the women who miscarried were smokers, compared to 22 percent of the nonsmokers.

In interviews, only 14 percent of the women who miscarried admitted using cocaine, and only 30 percent admitted smoking cigarettes.

The researchers did an impressive job of isolating the effects of tobacco and cocaine on fetal health, said Dr. James Mills, of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

The link between cocaine use and miscarriage was not entirely persuasive, Mills wrote in an accompanying editorial.

The increased risk was small and other factors could have skewed the results, he said.

The study found no link between drinking or marijuana use and spontaneous abortion.

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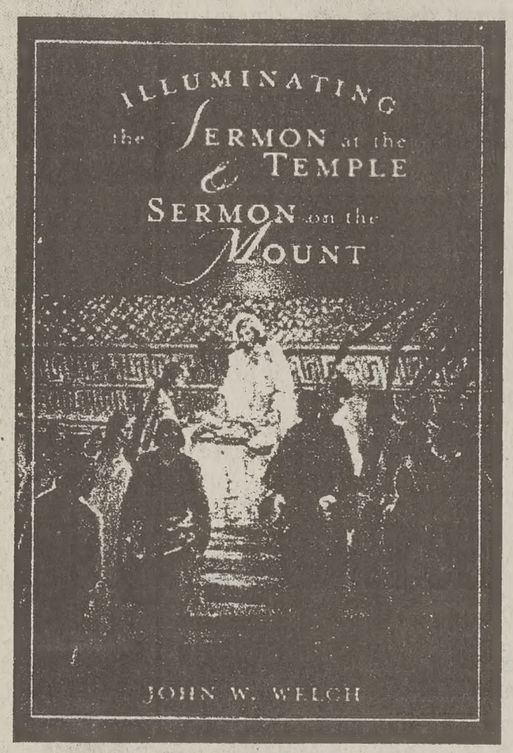
FARMS SYMPOSIUM
ILLUMINATING THE SERMON AT THE TEMPLE AND THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
Featured Speaker
John W. Welch
Founder, member of Board of Trustees FARMS,
LDS Author

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, Feb. 6
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
151 TNRB



Welch will focus on elements from his new book, *Illuminating the Sermon at the Temple and the Sermon on the Mount: An Approach to 3 Nephi 11-18 and Matthew 5-7*. In his new book, Welch discusses how Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and His Sermon at the Temple in the Book of Mormon can be better understood in the context of temple covenant making.
A panel of other BYU professors will then respond to Welch's conclusions.

Panel Members
Department of Ancient Scripture
S. Kent Brown, director of Ancient Studies
Richard D. Draper
Gaye Strathearn
Department of English
Don E. Norton
John S. Tanner, department chair

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This is a picture of a Turtle Airship.

It is a new type of dirigible which will be used as "flying cruise ships" in aerial sightseeing around the world; and, as "flying hospitals" to deliver humanitarian relief.

Turtle Airships, Inc. is seeking ten to twenty persons who will join the company as partners.

Each must be willing and able to pool $5,000 each , by mid March.

For this, each partner will receive one half of one percent equity in the company.

The pooled money is to be used to construct a small, piloted airship which is to be an exact mock-up of larger airships; and, to make a limited public offering.

Since this ad will appear only at BYU, it is expected that the construction of this small airship will take place at Provo. It will be a "hands on" effort; each partner will have opportunity to contribute directly towards its' creation, and operation.

The small airship will be used in promotional flights across the country to generate intense media attention to the new airship sightseeing tours (TURTLE AIRSHIPS, INC.); as well as to build support for the non-profit charity use of airships for delivery of disaster relief. (TURTLEDOVE AIRSHIPS)

As a breakthrough technology, the new airships will create an absolute sensation in the billion dollar travel industry. The company will experience huge rapid growth.

This is your chance to be part of it.

PLEASE NOTE: I do NOT simply want your money.....I want to build a TEAM! (More to the point.....I want that team to be of people with vision, and faith)

I will be in Provo March 4-6 to meet with and interview potential partners Please contact me in the next week if you feel you can join Turtle Airships.

You can EMail.....ceo@turtleairships.com

or telephone.....(360)357-4727

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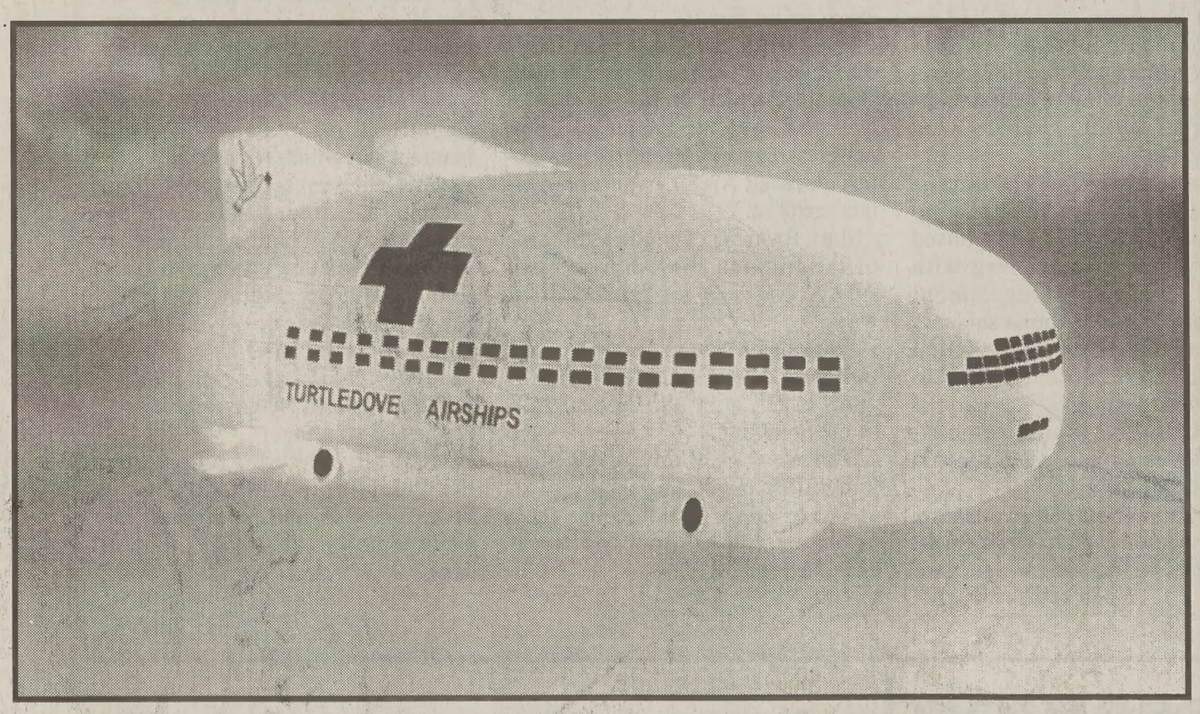

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BUILD ZION — Just as "Marriot" is known around the world as an "LDS" company, so will Turtle Airships be.....and a showcase for your own testimony all over the world

TEMPORAL HELP — Two ways.....by creating jobs/economic development.....and, by providing humanitarian aid via"flying hospital" airships.

CHANGE THE WORLD — Create wonderful things.....new modern airships that can take efficient, economical air transport to any location on Earth; and so effect the lives of untold numbers of peoples for the better

Free Ride
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